

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 6126

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning boxing, martial arts, and wrestling events.

**Sponsors:** Senators Prentice and Tom.

**Senate Committee on Ways & Means**  
**House Committee on Ways & Means**

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (Department) currently regulates boxing, martial arts, and wrestling events. The Department licenses participants, including fighters, promoters, managers, and referees. For events to occur legally in Washington, the participants must be licensed. Additionally, a 5 percent tax must also be paid on gross receipts from the event. Funds from the fees and tax go into the state General Fund.

The Department or a designee must attend all events and can take disciplinary action if an event fails to have licensed participants or pay its fee. This licensing program is not required to be self-supporting.

**Summary:** The tax is changed into an event fee, which will be collected by the Department and deposited into the Business and Professions Account. The fees currently assessed should also be deposited into the Business and Professions Account. The Department has the authority to set these fees by rule and the fees should be set in amounts that fully cover the cost of regulating the industry.

Provisions related to complimentary tickets are removed.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	40	6	
House	50	44	(House amended)
Senate	34	13	(Senate concurred)

**Effective:** July 26, 2009

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